

Lecture 2

- 1. Done on line
- 2. See Monday's reading

Q-availability

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IV) Elliptic, Redux

Recall:  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x|=1\}$

We equip  $S$  with the round metric  $d_S(u,v) = \arccos(\langle u,v \rangle)$

Ex  $\text{Isom}(S^1) \cong O(2)$   
 $\text{Isom}(S^2) \cong SO(3)$

Ex Classify finite subgroups of  $SO(3)$  and  $SO(4)$  (hard)

[cf Wolf: Spherical Spaceforms]

Actions: Please review these paper actions. Also check that if  $\Gamma \curvearrowright M$  is free and  $M$  is a manifold then  $M/\Gamma$  is again a manifold.

Q Paper versus prop disjoint

A Yes [Google Kapovich's discussion]

Ex  $\mathbb{R}P^2 \cong \langle S^1 / \langle J \rangle \rangle$

Exercise If  $\Gamma \curvearrowright O(n)$  and  $\Gamma$  acts freely on  $S^n$  then  $S^n/\Gamma$  is orientable

Ex Without using generalization prove that if  $M$  is a manifold and  $\Gamma \curvearrowright S^1$  (non-trivial) then  $M/\Gamma$  is orientable

Now we turn to  $S^2/\mathbb{R}$

We equip  $S^2/\mathbb{R}$  with the product metric

Q What is the canonical (round) metric on  $S^2$ ?

A The round metric [cf discussion in first week is required]

[cf generalization]

Ex  $\text{Isom}(S^2/\mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Isom}(S^2)/\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}) \cong O(3) \times (\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})$

Ex  $\text{Isom}(S^2/\mathbb{R})$  contains only seven families of subgroups acting freely and properly on  $S^2/\mathbb{R}$ . The resulting manifolds are

- ①  $S^2/\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}P^2 = \{pt\} \times S^1 = \mathbb{R}P^2$
- ②  $\mathbb{R}P^2/\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}P^2 = \{pt\}$
- ③  $S^1 \times S^1$
- ④  $S^1 \times S^1 \cong S^1 \times S^1$
- ⑤  $\mathbb{R}P^2 \times S^1$
- ⑥  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}P^2 \cong \mathbb{R}P^2 \times S^1$

Ex Obtain the compact met by giving ST, SK, T, bad

Ⓜ Irreducibility

Example: Alexander's horned sphere  
 This has a recursive construction



The limit  $S_\infty$  is an embedding of  $S^2$  into  $S^3$  but there is a certain set of points of the image which are not locally flat

Ex.: The outer region of  $S^2 - S_\infty$  is not simply conn

That is  $S_\infty$  is 'wild'

Def: Suppose  $F \hookrightarrow M^3$  emb

A point  $x \in F$  is locally flat if

there is a neigh  $U \subset M, \delta(x) \in U$

st  $(U, U \cap F) \cong (\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{z\})$



Alexander's Thm: Suppose

$S^2 \hookrightarrow S^3$  is locally flat

(i.e. PL, or smooth). Then the closure

of the components of  $S^3 - f(S^2)$  are homeo to  $B^3$

Def:  $M^3$  is irreducible if every locally flat  $S^2 \hookrightarrow M^3$  bounds a  $B^3$ -ball

Def:  $M^3$  is prime if  $M \cong N \# P$

implies  $N \cong S^1$  or  $P \cong S^1$

Ex: Find all prime, irreducible wfd's

Ex: Irred  $\Rightarrow$  prime

Alexander's Thm:  $S^2$  is irred